

PORTER DENIES GIVING BRIBES AT HOPEWELL

Accused Police Officer Takes Stand
in Own Behalf at Prince
George.

VERDICT IS EXPECTED TO-DAY

Former Lieutenant Says He Gave
\$25 to Supervisor Reeves to De-
fray Expenses of Trip—Defense
Confident of Acquittal by Jury.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RICHMOND, August 27.—Former Police Lieutenant John Porter, of Hopewell, today took the witness stand in his own behalf in the Circuit Court of Prince George County and defended himself against the charge of giving a bribe of \$25 to C. M. Reeves, supervisor of the Du Pont police force. Porter admitted giving Reeves the money, but said that the amount was merely to defray the expenses of the supervisor in attending the Police Chiefs' Association at Newport News in July. He made sweeping denials of all other charges of bribery.

With the introduction by the Commonwealth of several witnesses in rebuttal, all the evidence in the Porter case had been submitted when court adjourned to-night until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Commonwealth's Attorney Timothy Rives and Special Prosecutor George E. Wise, of Richmond, will argue the case for the prosecution, and United States District Attorney Richard H. Mann and Richmond's Attorney General J. W. Pollard will argue the defense. It is expected that the case will go to the jury by 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE
BOTH CONFIDENT OF VERDICT

Sentiment among the spectators as to the verdict of the jury is sharply divided. The prosecution, which has followed the case closely, appears confident that Porter will be acquitted, while the Commonwealth believes that it has made a strong case against the accused officer. There is also an attempt to make a case out of the Porter case—admittedly the strongest one the prosecution has in connection with the graft and bribery charges at Hopewell—and upon the result of the verdict will depend largely the success of the Commonwealth in three other cases against Porter, as well as those against former Chief Henderson and two of his subordinates, H. W. Pollard and Samuel Saffer.

Porter made a good witness for himself, his attorneys said to-night, and they believe that they shattered the case of the evidence against the accused. Given by Supervisor Reeves and other Du Pont officers. They appear confident that the jury will not convict their client.

SUPERVISOR REEVES DID NOT
MAKE TRIP, PORTER SAYS

When Porter took the stand this morning, he immediately made a denial that the \$25 given to Supervisor Reeves was "hush money" to prevent the Du Pont officer from interfering with certain gambling operations. He said that he had no knowledge of the trip of the supervisor to Newport News, but that the latter had appeared unwilling to do so, and he thought the expense was determined by him from making the trip. He added that Reeves did not make the trip.

The accused flatly contradicted the assertions of Detective Miraglia and others that he had given them bribes. His admission that he had given \$25 to Reeves was made in connection with the Commonwealth's case against him. Porter said that he had accepted unwillingly \$5 from a Greek restaurant keeper, which was given him as a "present" for having asked him to go to the State House to sell liquor. He gave Miraglia \$25 of the amount.

When asked by Mr. Wise what motive he had for giving the money, Porter said that he had heard Dallas wanted to be Chief of Police at Hopewell.

HAVER DENIES QUOTING
JUDGE WEST ABOUT BEER SALES

Richard P. Haver, former editor of the Hopewell News, who was arrested at the instance of Judge West, and charged with having quoted the judge as saying that he had sold Benjamin Franklin, a cabaret proprietor, that the judge had said it would be all right to have a beer sale in the town of Hopewell, further asserted that he had never had any communication or conversation with Judge West on this subject.

In this connection Judge West stated from the bench that he never has had any communication with any committee, such as Franklin's, in his testimony yesterday had reported that the committee had said he could sell at Hopewell. He had never heard of the appointment of such a committee, the court continued, and had not had any communication with any one in which he had agreed to sell at Hopewell.

ROBBERIES REPORTED

Diamond Ring Valued at \$225 Taken From Home of J. Scherr.

J. Scherr, 326 North Ninth Street, reported to police yesterday that a diamond ring valued at \$225, had been stolen from his home.

H. A. Remick, who gave his address as the Jefferson Hotel, reported that a watch valued at \$125 and \$10 of \$15 in currency had been taken from his person on the street Thursday.

Police Officer of the First Station has offered a liberal reward for the return of a fountain pen containing a fountain pen and valuable watch which his daughter left on a Broad and Twenty-fifth Street car yesterday morning between First and Broad, and Thirtieth and P. Streets.

COLVIN IS INDORSED BY
TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL

Howard T. Colvin, of Alexandria, received the indorsement of the Central Trades and Labor Council, of Richmond, at a meeting of the central body held last night for the office of Commissioner of Labor.

The resolution indorsing Mr. Colvin was presented at the last meeting, but under the working rules of the council it could not be acted upon until it had laid two weeks of the meeting of the three candidates for the office—James B. Doherty, the incumbent; M. P. Pace, the candidate indorsed by the Typographical Union, and Mr. Colvin—had been made known to the council, and the argument was animated.

Friends of Doherty and Pace, realizing that Colvin's friends were in the majority, steadily opposed taking action on the resolution indorsing Colvin as the choice of the central body, but the roll call on the resolution resulted in its adoption, the Colvin men winning 25 votes.

A majority of the unions in Richmond are yet to declare themselves on the question of Commissioner Doherty's successor. A copy of the resolutions adopted last night will be forwarded to Governor Stuart, who is expected to appoint him who becomes effective March 1, 1916.

Moltke Not Sunk by Russian Ships

German Admiralty Issues Statement Denying Petrograd Claim.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
BERLIN, August 27.—(Wireless via San Carlo).—For the second time, the German admiralty today issued a statement denying the Russian admiralty claim that the battle cruiser Moltke and other German warships had been destroyed in the Gulf of Riga as a "fake."

"No such battle took place," the admiralty said. "A German squadron, comprising the bay, encountered only light Russian ships, which were partially destroyed and partly chased away."

"The German losses already have been mentioned in an official report. No warship was sunk or seriously damaged. The Russian reports are pure inventions."

"The attempt at a landing at Pernau reported in the Russian official statement, never took place, never was intended by the Germans, and, therefore, never was frustrated by the Russians, as they claim."

"The torpedo boat flotilla that appeared off Pernau had orders to block the bay, and engaged in an artillery duel with the land batteries and hit and silenced one port battery and hit and damaged several field batteries."

"The Russian steamer and a sailing ship were captured, and sunk."

"The Russians allege that they captured some German ships. They probably mean those steamers captured by the Germans, and then sunk to block the passage."

ADEQUATE PREPAREDNESS
FAVORED BY GOVERNORS

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nation cannot afford to hire its soldiers."

EXTENSION OF MEASURES
OF DEFENSE NECESSARY

Belief was expressed by Governor Goldsborough, of Maryland, that an extension of measures of defense was necessary.

Governor Trammell, of Florida, felt that dependence was to be placed in the citizen soldiery, and was applauded when he added:

"If the European war lasts two years more, as seems likely, there will not be a first-class army or navy in the world except our own."

Adequate preparedness was urged by Governor Stuart, of Virginia, while Governor Walsh, of Massachusetts, came the suggestion that State or Federal provision be made for bringing into the schools encouragement and opportunity for the boys of the land to develop as citizen soldiers.

A new note was struck by former Governor McGovern, of Wisconsin. "We have been mentally chloroformed," he exclaimed, "by this international propaganda for peace, as it has been adopted in America. Our people have been over-persuaded by this movement which has debased the officers of our State militia 'tin soldiers,' and has removed the incentive from officer and man. I believe there is as little danger to the nation to-day as at any time in a score of years. Nevertheless, we can never be secure until we put the country in a state of real preparedness, such as its vast territory demands."

FURTHER DISAPPROVAL
OF BLEASE'S STATEMENT

The statement of former Governor Blease, of South Carolina, in his speech yesterday that "when mobs are no longer possible liberty will be dead," has been further disapproved at today's session of the governors' conference.

Governor Walsh, of Massachusetts, declared that "there can be no liberty without a right to law."

He said that he had not intended to speak at the session but feared that his silence might be construed as indicating approval by the people of Massachusetts of what had been said before. He continued:

"In one of our courts in this State there is this inscription: 'Here speaks the conscience of the State, restraining the individual will.' This court is the conscience of the community, and the conscience of the community can not be represented by a mob. There can be no liberty unless the courts continue to have the confidence of the people."

Governor Stuart, also dissenting, said Virginia stood first, last and all the time for a rigid enforcement of the law. The men of the South had some problems which the people of the North and they of Virginia liked to think they were meeting them," he said.

"Laws," added Governor Stuart, "are a reflection of public sentiment which in all cases must be a reflection of public necessity."

A message from President Wilson, in reply to the telegram sent him Tuesday, was read when the conference recessed. Addressing Governor Walsh the President said:

"I deeply appreciate and am greatly heartened by the generous resolution of confidence and support passed by the governors in conference, and beg that you will convey to them my heartfelt thanks and my cordial best wishes for a successful and profitable conference. I wish that I could be greeting in person."

FULL SATISFACTION
FOR LOSS OF ARABIC

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ing to this information, England is now economically beaten, to such an extent that it is only with the greatest difficulty that she can raise money to continue the war. The demands in this respect are the more burdensome from the fact that she has to provide money also for Russia. In this connection, reports have been given ground for the belief that the heavy shipments of war munitions to the allies, which she has been trying to subvert, will be stopped, will probably halt of their own accord in the near future.

It was the realization by Germany that a break with the United States would change the whole status of everything that she had been doing in the world, that prompted her to do everything in her power to conciliate the government. It can be stated that Germany appreciated that in the event of a break between the two governments, the military situation would probably not be in Germany's favor, and the United States, but they would also be able to

Will Pay Colonel's Expenses to Europe

Party of Milwaukee Citizens
Want Him to Go to Fight
the Germans.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
MILWAUKEE, WIS., August 27.—Theodore Roosevelt will go to Europe to fight the Germans at the expense of several Milwaukeeans if he chooses to accept an offer made by Charles Mechel in a letter sent to the Colonel today. It reads:

"Dear Colonel:
"We see by the papers that you are preparing for a fight with the Germans. Most Americans prefer to attend to their own business. Therefore, representing a small coterie of local men who have subscribed \$250, I am instructed to ask you to accept this amount to defray your expenses in going to France. This will give you the time of your life."

Mechel is not at all confident that Roosevelt will accept his offer.

TO MAKE DEMANDS
German officials have made it plain that their government, as soon as it has relieved the strain upon its relations with the United States by limiting submarine activities, will ask the American government to demand that Great Britain and her allies cease interfering with legitimate neutral commerce, and thus permit the importation of foodstuffs for the German civil population. The American note to England on this subject has been in preparation for some time.

The communication has been practically was completed when the allies' action in declaring cotton contraband made redrafting necessary.

In this connection it has been learned that Germany is preparing to protest against acquiescence by the United States in the treatment of cotton as contraband. It is said that the Imperial government already has indicated its desire to purchase 3,000,000 bales of cotton if delivery can be arranged.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT
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NIGHT-RIDERS IN PRISON

Two Given Three-Year Sentences and One Five Years.

HARTFORD, KY., August 27.—Three men who pleaded guilty in Ohio County Circuit Court to being members of a band of night-riders, who for months spread terror throughout this section of Western Kentucky, to-night are serving sentences in the State prison. One other yesterday was acquitted by a jury, and sixty-six defendants are awaiting trial.

Epiphim Reisinger, a coal miner, to-day admitted he pled the lash when he was whipped at Horton the night of June 12. He sought to secure a three-year sentence, as Jerry Clark and Ernest Webster, who participated in the whipping, had done earlier in the week. Commonwealth's Attorney Ringo, however, refused a compromise and insisted that a five-year sentence be imposed. Howard testified he and his wife were whipped at Horton the night of June 12. He sought to secure a three-year sentence, as Jerry Clark and Ernest Webster, who participated in the whipping, had done earlier in the week. Commonwealth's Attorney Ringo, however, refused a compromise and insisted that a five-year sentence be imposed. Howard testified he and his wife were whipped at Horton the night of June 12. He sought to secure a three-year sentence, as Jerry Clark and Ernest Webster, who participated in the whipping, had done earlier in the week. 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